Abstract of the Disclosure:

A method for operating a switching system for data packets includes providing a switching system having inputs and outputs, temporarily storing data packets at an input of the switching system where, when each data packet arrives, merely sending a message to an output of the switching system at the input and placing the message into a queue at the output. The method combines advantages of temporary storage at the input with the advantages of temporary storage at the output, without having to accept the disadvantages of one of such systems.

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